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The following message was forwarded to the U.S. citizen community early morning, April 15:

This is an update from the US Embassy, Monday, April 15, 2002.

The security situation in Caracas is still unstable. Looting continues in some neighborhoods, including Los Samanes, Urbina, Propatria, Los Ruices, La Floresta, El Paraiso, La Campina, Caricuao, Petare, and Catia. Demonstrations are likely in Plaza Francia in Altamira. A police station has been burned in Bello Campo. Gunfire has been reported in La Tahona and Los Chorrros. Police presence is minimal or nonexistent, and the Metropolitan Police and Guardia Nacional have been instructed not to leave quarters. Citizens are reminded to be cautious when going out, and are urged to stay near their homes.

Passengers are strongly advised to check with the airlines regarding the road to the airport and to confirm their travel arrangements before attempting to go to the airport.

End text.

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